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SENATE RESOLUTION 218

By Harper

A RESOLUTION to commend LaTosha Renee Rushing for
exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, LaTosha Renee Rushing is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Thelma Harper; LaTosha's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislator she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, born on July 30, 1980, in Kansas City, Missouri, she is the daughter of Jacqueline Rushing and the late Edwin Dwayne Rushing, Sr.; after attending four elementary schools, Martin Luther King, Jr., Latin Grammar School, Lincoln College Preparatory Academy, and Ruskin High School, she graduated from high school in 1998, receiving her college preparatory diploma and ranking in the top 5 percent of her high school class; and

WHEREAS, as a student at Tennessee State University, where she was highly regarded by her peers, LaTosha was deeply involved in campus and community activities and organizations, including the Golden Key Honor Society, the University Honors Program, Phi

Kappa Phi Honor Society, the International Affairs Society, the Criminal Justice Organization, Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity, and the campus newspaper, *The Meter*, and

WHEREAS, in the city of Nashville, Ms. Rushing took an active role in community leadership; she developed a mentoring program that included the young women of the Vine Hill area; volunteered as a tutor at area schools and served the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Education as a Substitute Teacher; organized a voter registration drive for the 2000 presidential elections; and organized a group of city-wide college students to attend the Vice Presidential debates in Danville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, LaTosha Rushing brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2002 session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2002 legislative session, Ms. Rushing has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2002, she will be attending the Louisiana State University School of Law in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on a full-tuition scholarship; upon graduation from law school, she plans on becoming a prosecuting attorney and eventually a juvenile court judge; and

WHEREAS, LaTosha Rushing has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend LaTosha Renee Rushing for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Thelma Harper and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.